

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please withdraw Claims 18-22, cancel Claim 2, and amend Claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising a tandem repeat of apoE141-149 of SEQ ID No 2 or a truncation thereof, characterised in that at least one Leucine (L) residue of SEQ ID No. 2 is replaced by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tryptophan (W), Arginine (R), Lysine (K) and derivatives thereof ~~with a side chain comprising at least 4 carbon atoms and at least one Nitrogen atom.~~
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 2 wherein the amino acid used to replace the Leucine is Tryptophan (W) or a derivative thereof.
4. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 wherein at least two W, R or K substitutions are made.
5. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 wherein at least one further amino acid is replaced with Asparagine (N), Tyrosine (Y), Cysteine (C), Methionine (M), Phenylalanine (F), Isoleucine (I), Glutamine (Q), or Histidine (H) or is deleted.
6. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 with the amino acid sequence:
WRKWRKRWWWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 3); WRKWRKRWRKWRKR (SEQ ID No. 4); WRKWRKRWWLRKLRKRL (SEQ ID No. 5);
~~YRKYRKRYYYRKYRKRY (SEQ ID No. 6); WRKWRKRWWWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 52); WRKWRKRWRKWRKRW (SEQ ID No. 53);~~

~~WRKWRKRWWFRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 54); WRKWRKRWWFRKWRKRFF (SEQ ID No. 55); WRKCRKRCWWRKCRKRCW (SEQ ID No. 56); LRKLRKRLLWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 57); LRKLRKRLLLKRKRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 58); or LRKLRKRLLWRKWRKRLL (SEQ ID No. 59); WRKWRKRLLLKRKRKRLL (SEQ ID No. 60); WRKLRKRLLLKRKRKRLL (SEQ ID No. 61); WRKWRKFFFFRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 62); WRKWRKRWWFRKFRKRFF (SEQ ID No. 63); RRKRRKRRRRRKRRKRRR (SEQ ID No. 64); or KRKKRKRKKKRKKRKRKK (SEQ ID No. 65)~~

7. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 wherein an amino acid is added to the peptide.
8. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 7 wherein the amino acid is added to the N terminal, C terminal and/or between the ninth and tenth amino acids of SEQ ID No.2
9. (Original) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 8 comprising WRKWRKRWWWRWKWRKRWWR (SEQ ID No. 66).
10. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 which is a peptoid analogue.
11. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 which is a peptide/peptoid hybrid.
12. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising YRKYRKRYYYRKYRKRY (SEQ ID No. 6)
13. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKRLLLKRKRK (SEQ ID No. 7).

14. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKRLRKLRKR (SEQ ID No. 8).
15. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKLRKLRKLRKLRK (SEQ ID No. 9).
16. (Previously Presented) A composition, comprising the polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Withdrawn) An agent adapted to increase the biological activity of the polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1.
19. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1.
20. (Withdrawn) A nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1.
21. (Withdrawn) A composition, comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to claim 20.
22. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid sequence according to claim 20.